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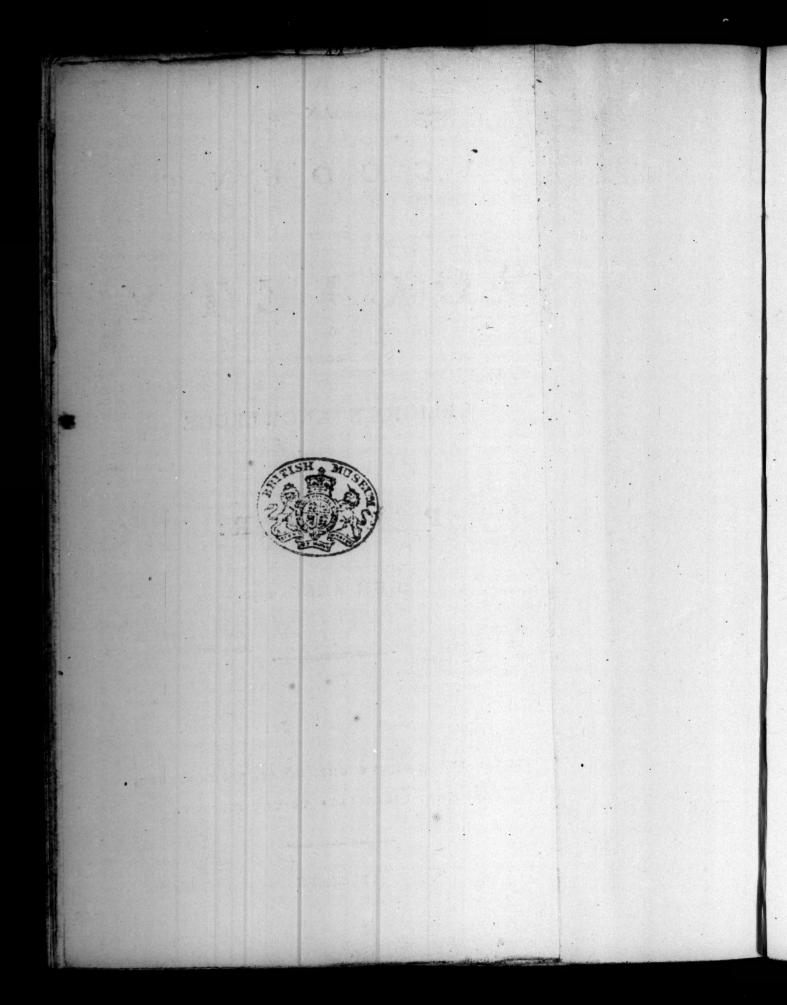
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WHOEVER believes the Bible to be a revelation from GOD, and that the matter it contains is not only highly worthy of that infinitely great and blessed Being to deliver, but of the last importance both to the temporal and spiritual interests of mankind, will not want any farther arguments to convince him of the obligations he is under, first to receive it with the greatest reverence, affection, and gratitude, himself; and then to propagate the knowledge and belief of it among men. And, indeed, who, that has tasted the sweetness, and felt the salutary refreshment, of the sountain of life, but must be willing to convey its living waters to others, that those who need the same facred advantages may drink of the same heavenly streams, be quickened, purified, and comforted, by them, and live for ever!

Those who have made any serious observations upon mankind, cannot be insensible of the deplorable ignorance, that, even in this land of light, is to be found among the poorer fort, especially in the country, for want of the proper means of information and knowledge; and that the number of those are great, who, notwithstanding the various affistances that have, from time to time, been communicated for their instruction and improvement, yet very much want, in this instance, the farther aids of Christian piety and benevolence.

Animated, they trust, in some degree, by these motives, and to remove, as far as they can, these unhappy disadvantages, which numbers of our poor labour under; many persons have entered into a Society and Subscription to distribute the sacred Scriptures, and other good books, amongst them, as one of the most effectual methods, in their apprehension, under the blessing of GOD, to bring them acquainted with the truth as it is in JESUS, and render them wise to salvation.

As from this fource many necessitous families, who are unable to purchase these helps, will be supplied with them by the bounty of others; so it is no small advantage arising from such an Institution, that the rising generation among them will be furnished with such books as are best suited to their tender years; by means of which it is to be hoped, that, under the divine influence, the tendencies of corrupt nature may receive a timely check, and the powerful influence of vicious examples, in these finful times, be more effectually guarded against; their future perversion from the principles of divine truth, to the errors and corruptions of those who lie in wait to deceive, be happily prevented; and their precious fouls be early initiated into the practice of piety and virtue. And if fuch are esteemed, and indeed with good reason, their generous benefactors, who kindly affift them in providing food and raiment for their bodies; that friendship surely cannot be less valuable, which relates to their immortal fouls, and directs them in the way to everlafting bleffedness and glory.

As these considerations will, without doubt, recommend the attempt of the ministers and gentlemen who have entered into this design to the approbation of all good men; so it is to be hoped, (especially as it is wholly void of party-views,) that it will engage others of every Christian denomination among us, who truly sear GOD, love the Protestant religion and liberties, and wish well to the best interests of mankind, to countenance, encourage, and promote it.



RULES

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I. THE defign of this Society being to promote Religious Knowledge among the Poor, by giving them Bibles, Testaments, and other good books, where most needed and likely to be improved; it is agreed that the Society shall be supported by an annual subscription of the members, together with the donations and legacies of all who are disposed to contribute towards it.

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III. That the Society shall meet the first Wednesday in January, at fix in the evening, and the sirst Wednesday in July, at seven in the evening, at Haberdashers Hall, in Maiden-lane, or such other place as shall be appointed; that the members be summoned to the meeting in January by letter, and in July by advertisement; that the number of seven be sufficient to proceed to business; that a Chairman be chosen at every meeting, that he be a minister and layman alternately; that every meeting be opened with prayer, and that when a minister be present he be desired to engage.

IV.

IV. That every person, making a present of twenty pounds to the Society, be, upon payment of the money, deemed a member for life, and entitled to a parcel of books of forty shillings value in rotation, and so in proportion for any larger sum.

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IX. That no book shall be received as a gift, be purchased to be given away, or, being already approved of, be rejected, unless with the unanimous consent of the members at a special general meeting, after having been first proposed at a former; and that, in the printed summonses for such meeting, the proposal for the reception, purchase, or rejection, of the said book, be expressly mentioned.

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£. s. d.	L. s. d.
Mr Samuel Lewin 1 1 0	Brought forward 42 11 0
Joseph Hardcastle, Esq. 1 0	Hon. & Rev. B. Cadogan 2 2 0
Mr Joseph Towle 1 1'0	Mr John Remntington 1 1 0
Mr John Buxton 1 1 0	Mr Robert Sherlock 1 1 0
Mr John Buxton, jun. 1 1 0	Mrs Marg. Prentice 1 1 0
Mr Samuel Saloway 1 1 0	E. Hodgkinson, Esq. 1 1 0
Rev. John Halward 1 1 0	James Brown, Esq. 2000
Mr Nath. Watts 1 1 0	John Bond, Esq. 220
George Wright, Efq. 1 1 0	Mrs Guillebaud 1 1 0
Mrs Mary Wilfon 110	Mrs Lewis 1 1 0
Robert Thornton, Efq. 10 0 0	Mr Benj. Tomkins · 1 1 0
Walter Taylor, Esq. t 1 0	Rev. H. Worthington 2 2 0
Mr James Stanger 1 1 0	Anonymous, by Ditto 1 1 0
Tho. Roberts, Efq. 220	W. Fuller, Esq. 2000
Mrs Ann Shepherd 220	Miss Ann Greaves 1000
Mr John Jowett 1 1 0	William Pickett, Efq. 2 2 0
Mr Benjamin Jowett 1 1 0	Mr Joseph Luck 1 1 0
John Bradney, Efq. 2 2 0	Mrs Savage 2 2 0
Mr William Cardale 1 1 0	Rev. Robert Winter 1 1 0
Mrs Cardale 1 1 0	Mrs Ann Samler 1 1 0
Mrs Davies 2 2 0	Mrs Whitaker 1 1 0
Mr Thomas Halward 1 1 0	Miss Bliss 1 1 0
James Warne, Efq. 1 10	Rev. Samuel Lavington 1 1 0
Mr L. R. Mackintofh 1 1 0	Mrs Edwards 2 2 0
A Friend at Worcester 1 1 0	Mr Rayner 1 1 0
Mr George Moore 1 1 0	Mr Wm Lepard 110
Rev. E. Middleton 2 2 0	m., ;
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The proper Form for a Donation, to the Society, by Will.

ITEM, I, A.B. do hereby give and bequeath the Sum of

unto the Treasurer or Secretary for the Time being, of a voluntary Society commonly called or known by the Name of The Society for promoting Religious Knowledge among the Poor, (which Society now usually meet, or did lately meet, at Haberdashers Hall, in London,) the same to be paid within

Months next after my Decease, out of my personal Estate, and to be applied to the Uses and Purposes of that Society.

N. B. Those Gentlemen or Ladies, who are disposed to bequeath any Sum or Sums to this Society, are desired to be very particular in expressing the Society for promoting Religious Knowledge, there being another Society of the same Nature, called the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge; and, though a Donation to either Society may answer very valuable Purposes, yet it may not entirely comport with the Design of the Testator.

The Names and Number of Books given away by the Society.

Society.				F-101
		on	1797.	Total.
_	s.	d.		
Large, or Minion, Bibles	4	6	578	37,928
Small, or Nonpareil, Bibles	3	5	609	46,469
Smallest, or twenty-four, Bibles	3	0	525	13,193
Small, or Nonpareil, Bibles, inferior	2	4	411	812
Largest Testaments	2	8	218	5,236
Large Testaments	I	8	390	18,103
Small Testaments	1	11/2	509	31,122
Dr. Watts's Pfalms, large twelves	1	6	154	363
Hymns, ditto	1	6	181	412
Pfalms and Hymns, ditto		-	272	
in one Pfalms, finall twelves	2	7	213	553
	1	2	125	34,719
Hymns, ditto Pfalms and Hymns, ditto	102,240	2	167	33,475
in one	2	2	179	494
Pfalms and Hymns, in				171
one, 24mo, on Writing-Paper	1	6	567	1,356
Scripture-History, with				
Plates	2	6	172	6,380
Prayers for Children	•	8	296	14,553
Songs for ditto	0	5 ½	654	39,105
First Catechism	0	12	599	22,716
Second Catechifm	0	4 2		17,446
Shower on Time and Eternity	0	9	218	17,005
Baxter's Call to the Unconverted	0	7	279	19,567
Janeway's Token for Children	0	5	545	22,822
Reynolds's Compassionate Address	0	41/2	288	36,842
Protestant's Resolution against Popery	0	1	151	27,266
Toms's Humble Attempt to revive Re-				
ligion	0	4	191	4,584
Swearer's Monitor	0	3	295	13,965
- Sabbath-Breaker's ditto	0	3	310	16,502
against Intemperance, per doz.	2	0	155	9,278
against Impurity, per doz.	1	8	96	7,046
Henry's Pleasures of Religion	0	61	231	13,130
Scudder's Daily Walk	2	5	55	3,477
Religious Tradesman	0	9	114	4,543
Earle on the Sacrament	0	102	48	3,630
Dr. Dodderidge on Family Religion	0	4	222	10,604
Religion Rife and Progress of				000
Patrick's Devout Christian	2	2	174	8,669
Life of God in the Soul of Man	2	2	29	1,727
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Orton on Eternity	0	4	342	8,245
Allein's Alarm to the Unconverted	0	9	213	17,180
			11,029	574,760 Th

The State of the Account from Midjummer, 1796, to Midjummer, 1797.

By Bookfeller to Midfummer, 1796 258	Ditto to Midfummer, 1797 784 By collecting Subfcriptions 51	By Secretary 50 By fundry Expenses 31.	9211	Balance 15
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LETTERS

From Ministers who have received Books from the Society.

Trowbridge. REV. NATH. RAWLINS.—Last Saturday I received a parcel of books from the Society for Promoting Religious Knowledge among the Poor, which Mr. Plummer was so kind to order to be sent to me; for which I am obliged to both the Society in general and to Mr. Plummer in particular. We have a multitude of poor people who attend places of worship, who cannot purchase Bibles, yet can read them when put into their hands. I hope to place those books in such a manner as shall answer the design of the Society, in giving them to those who will thankfully receive them, then read them, and not part with them. The Word of God is the golden key that the Holy Spirit makes use of, by his power attending it, to unlock the hearts of men, and to open the eyes of the understanding. This must be left with him who openeth and none can shut.

Shrewsbury. REV. MR. PALMER. — I have already distributed most of the Bibles where I was convinced they were much wanted. To one poor woman I gave a Bible, and Hymn and Psalm book, who broke out in the following manner: "Bless the Lord who always gives me more than I ask; I only asked him for a Bible, and he has also sent me a Hymn-book and Psalm-book! I have now enough; I want no more; I shall never be poor as long as I live; when I die I will leave them to some poor soul who loves my Lord Jesus, and has not money to purchase a Bible. Tell those who sent them, my soul prays God to reward them, and I know he will."

Another receiving a Bible, while her dear husband was so astonished that he could not utter a word, addressed him thus: "Why, Richard, the Lord sends us all we want. I had been thinking this week we would have a new Bible; that I would put by three pence every week till I had money enough to buy one." Then they both thanked God and those who sent them.

I gave another to a poor fervant-boy in the house where I live who took it home to his parents, and talked to them about their souls till they shed tears, and promised they would come and hear me preach at the Birches; — which they have done.

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